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SUBJECT: RESTRUCTURING OF CCD: POSITION OF US AT NATO
DISARMAMENT EXPERTS.

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1. IN RESPONSE REFTTEL PARA 2. REPEATED HEREWITH IS
INSTRUCTION SENT US REP TO NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS ON
RESTRUCTURING OF CCD AT SSOD: QUOTE -- ON RESTRUCTURING
THE CCD THE NON-ALIGNED HAVE STRESSED THE NEED TO CREATE
CONDITIONS WHICH WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR ONE OR MORE
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO PARTICIPATE.
TO THIS END THEY HAVE CALLED FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE
CO-CHAIRMANSHIP AND HAVE PROPOSED A CLOSER LINK WITH THE
UN. IT WOULD APPEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THEY DO NOT SEEK TO
TRANSFORM THE CCD IN A WAY WHICH WOULD UNDERMINE ITS
FUNCTIONAL AUTONOMY OR ITS CONSENSUS METHOD OF OPERATION.
THE SOVIETS HAVE THUS FAR PUBLICLY RESISTED ANY CHANGES
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IN THE CCD LINK TO THE UN, IN CCD ORGANIZATION AND PRO-
CEDURES, OR IN THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. WE BELIEVE THE SOVIETS
WILL WANT TO CONSIDER ALL MACHINERY QUESTIONS TOGETHER,
INCLUDING THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. -- THE USG IS PREPARED TO
BE FLEXIBLE ON THE QUESTION OF THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, PROVIDED
THAT A WORKABLE ALTERNATIVE CAN BE DEvised, POSSIBLY A
ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP OR A SINGLE NEUTRAL CHAIRMAN. WE

BELIEVE THAT THE CCD SHOULD DETERMINE ITS PROGRAM OF WORK;
THAT MEMBERSHIP MUST BE KEPT RELATIVELY SMALL (NO MORE
THAN 40); AND THAT CONSENSUS MUST REMAIN CCD'S METHOD
OF TAKING DECISIONS. END QUOTE.

2. IF EMBASSY OFFICER HAS OCCASION TO SPEAK WITH ERALP
AGAIN ON SSOD HE SHOULD CONVEY SUBSTANCE THESE TALKING
POINTS. VANCE

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